FALLEN SYNDICATE

PRESENTS

HER HIGHNESS IS A NOVICE

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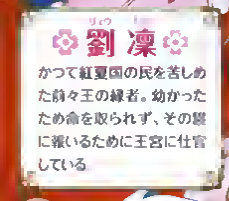
CUTE...!
Awa wa!
I'm not cute / It's...
Just because...
R-ri-rin-san...
Did my hair...!
That...
That's why...
Chapter 9: Onwards, girls!
新米陛下と苦労性武官の中華風"育成"ラブファンタジー!
うちの陛下が新米で。
Fujiko Kosumi Presents
湖住ふじこ

うちの陛下が新米で。

前回までのあらすじ

ゼン

シュカの教育係兼お付き武官。前王・紅朱明（シュカの父）に拾われ育てられた過去を持ち、シュカの亡兄とも親友同士だった。19歳。



劉凛

かつて紅夏国の民を苦しめた前々王の縁者。幼かったため命を取られず、その罪に報いるために王宮に仕官している。

李浪立

礼部長官。李家が王家・紅一族の系譜であることから王位継承権を持つ。シュカを后にし自らが王になろうとしている。

紅朱華

15歳で紅夏国の王になった少女。後宮で箱入りに育てられたため、人とのコミュニケーションが壊滅的。紅夏国に伝わる"王の力"を持っている。

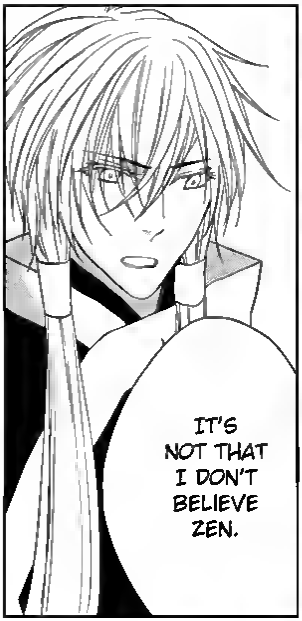
白虎の星々

紅夏国に伝わる神獣。シュカの"王の力"の前に届し慎いた。シュカの強い想いを具現化させゼンのそっくりさんに変身する!?

伏等

ゼンと同期で将来を期待されている文官。シュカを甘やかしてしまうため、その都度ゼンと衝突している。

ZEN-SAN GETTING CAUGHT WAS A MISUNDER-STANDING!
ZEN-SAN IS INNOCENT!
RELEASE HIM AT ONCE...!
IT'S A PITY, BUT WE CAN'T.
IF THEY LOOK INTO THE FAKE GUARDS WHO WERE ALSO CAUGHT, WE CAN PROVE IT!
W-W-WHY...?! ZEN-SAN IS INNOCENT!


IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T BELIEVE ZEN.

NO...
YOUR HIGH-NESS.

...THEY KILLED THEMSELVES... WITH POISON.
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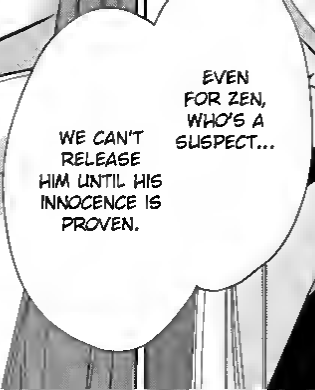
I know that, but
PLEASE UNDER-STAND.


WE CAN'T RELEASE HIM UNTIL HIS INNOCENCE IS PROVEN.
EVEN FOR ZEN, WHO'S A SUSPECT...

BUT THIS WAS AIMED AT YOU, AND IT'S TOO BIG.

I'M ALSO HEART-BROKEN BY THIS.
PLEASE, JUST LEAVE THIS CASE TO ME.
DO NOT WORRY, YOUR HIGHNESS.
No! If that's how it's done, then for the sake of clearing Zen-san's name and freeing him...
...I shall help as well!
She's working.
...DESPITE SAYING THAT, WHAT CAN I DO?
I DON'T HAVE A SINGLE LEAD...
...Hm?

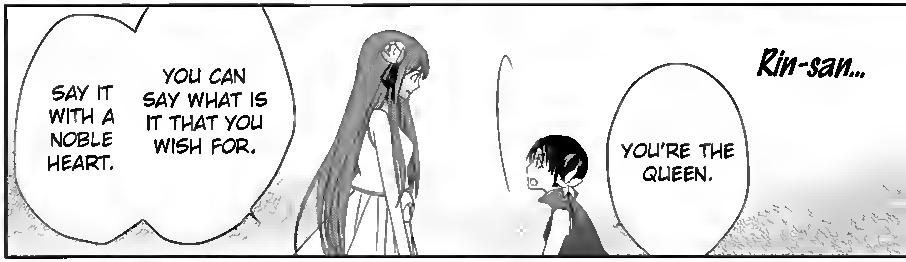
THIS... THIS IS...?
Letters of leave from my guards?!
THE REAL ONES.
But I have questions for them!
I-I-I have to stop them!!!
WA-WA-WAIT! DON'T RUSH THIIINGS!
YOUR HIGH-NESS!
HN!

WE CAN'T HAVE YOU LEAVING FOR NO REASON.
...WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
Ah, right!
Thanks to the incident, now it's even harder to move around freely!
WE CAN'T! WE HAVE BEEN ORDERED NOT TO LET YOU OUT OF YOUR CHAMBERS!
BUT... It hurts.!
IT-IT'S A VERY URGENT MATTER! YOU CAN ACCOMPANY ME...!
NOW PLEASE GO BACK!
I can't even get passed these guards on my own! How will I ever be a 'great queen...?'

LET HER GO!!
HOW DARE YOU LOWLY SOLDIERS HANDLE HER HIGHNESS SO ROUGHLY!
STAY BACK!
I'LL DO THE REST! IF YOU GET IN MY WAY, YOU'LL BE THE ONES ARRESTED!
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO GET FIRED, LEAVE IMMEDIATELY!
!?
RI-RIN-SAMA!
BUT. LOWEN-SAMA'S ORDERS..!
AH... THANK YOU FOR...
SERIOUS-LY?!

YOU JUST GOT ASSAULTED BY FAKE SOLDIERS THE OTHER DAY! DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHERE YOU ARE?!
HOW DO YOU ALWAYS GET INTO SUCH DANGEROUS SITUATIONS BY YOURSELF?!
I-I-I-I'M SORRYY?!
YOUR HIGHNESS WAS PROBABLY THINKING, "I HAVE TO BECOME A GREAT QUEEN WHO CAN STAND UP FOR HERSELF!" OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT, RIGHT?!
BULLSEYE
UGH!
HOW HOW DO YOU KNOW ALL OF THIS ?
Are you an esper ?
It hurts!
I CAN GUESS BY WATCHING THE WAY YOUR HIGHNESS WORKS HERSELF LATELY.
EH...?
WELL... I DID TELL YOU TO GET IT TOGETHER...
I DON'T REGRET SAYING THAT, BUT...
...BUT YOU'RE STILL WRONG!

IF A GREAT QUEEN DOES EVERYTHING BY HERSELF...
...THEN WHAT ARE HER SUBJECTS FOR?
RELY ON US MORE!
ZEN ISN'T THE ONLY ONE THINKING ABOUT YOU...!


Rin-san...
YOU'RE THE QUEEN.
YOU CAN SAY WHAT IS IT THAT YOU WISH FOR.
SAY IT WITH A NOBLE HEART.

IF YOU DO THAT, I'LL BECOME YOUR HANDS AND STRENGTH...!

...Thank you.
Rin-san...
I WILL FIND THE TRUTH OF WHAT HAPPENED.
LET'S HURRY AND RETURN TO THE GUARDS!
BY YOUR WILL!
GUARD APART-MENTS
GUARDS, DON'T LEAVE YET!
P-P-P-PLEASE, WAIT!

EH...?
YOUR HIGH-NESS...?!
WH-WH-WH-WH-WHY ARE YOU IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?!
WHAT'S WITH ALL THE BOTTLES...?
YOUR HIGH-NESS!!! I BEG YOUR PARDON!
FOR FAILING TO PRO-TECT YOU...!
N-NO, I DIDN'T COME TO REBUKE YOU, BUT TO STOP YOU...
And to ask you something
I-I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING!

I CAN'T WALK AROUND THE PALACE LIKE THIS! PLEASE ALLOW ME TO TAKE MY LEAVE OR BEAR RESPONSIBILITY...!
AND WE CAN'T EVEN HELP YOU FIND THE TRUTH!
YOUR HIGHNESS AND ZEN-SAMA GOT INTO TROUBLE...
AT THAT TIME, WE WERE KINDA TIED UP, AND...
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NO!
You don't have to quit anything...!
It's the fake guards' fault!
Please get up!
No no no no way! You aren't responsible for...
……?
Uhm...
IS THERE NO WAY FOR YOU TO CHANGE YOUR MIND?
NO...!

YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO FORGIVE YOURSELF, BUT...
...YOU PROTECTED ME AS MY BODYGUARD AND PERSUADED ME...
AND YOU CHANGED ZEN-SAN AND LOWEN-SAN'S MINDS.
I THINK THAT'S MORE THAN ENOUGH!
I DON'T WANT TO LOSE SUCH A CLOSE SUBORDINATE...
YOUR HIGHNESS...
WH-WH-WH-WHAT HAPPENED...?!
I'M SORRY...
HAVING SERVED YOU FOR A FEW DAYS...
OTHERS HAD A LOT OF THINGS TO SAY BUT...
NOW I BELIEVE THAT I CAN SERVE YOUR HIGHNESS WITH ALL MY HEART!
EVEN SO...

I...
BECAUSE OF THE WEAKNESS IN MY HEART, I COULDN'T PROTECT YOU, YOUR HIGHNESS...!
THE WAY HE ACTED...
EVEN IF HE FELT GUILTY, FOR A GROWN MAN TO CRY LIKE THAT...
...AND BECAUSE OF THE "WEAKNESS" IN HIS "HEART?" WHAT DID HE MEAN?
ALSO, ALL THOSE BOTTLES IN THE ROOM...

I REMEMBER SEEING THEM SOMEWHERE...
PROBABLY SOME KIND OF MEDICINE. BUT IT SEEMED FAR TOO EXPENSIVE FOR REGULAR SOLDIERS.
AND IN SUCH QUANTITY TOO!
SOMETHING'S GOING ON.
YOUR HIGHNESS.
WHAT WILL WE DO?
THE KEY TO FINDING THE TRUTH AND PROVING ZEN'S INNOCENCE...
HE MAY HAVE LEFT US A CLUE.
DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY AS THE QUEEN?
!

TH-THEN...
I COMMAND YOU...
TO INVESTIGATE THIS CASE...!
THE NEXT DAY
WELL THEN, LET'S START THE MORNING MEETING!
HM?
...YES, ABOUT THAT...
LOWEN-DONO, HER HIGHNESS IS...

I'M NOT GOING OUTSIDE.
HER HIGHNESS IS ILL...
..I experienced them first-hand
The dangers of being queen Lowen-san warned me about..
I was assaulted and Zen-san was arrested
I-I-I'm so scared I can barely stand it...!
I-I-I'LL ALSO DO SOMETHING!!
YES!
That's why...
This will protect Zen and help me with my investigation.
To remain static and put their guard down.
There is something Your Highness can do...

I will pretend that I've given up the throne!
I haven't spent the last 15 years as a hikikomori in vain!
I feel a little bad about tricking Lowen-san, but...
HIKIKO-MORI SKILL... ACTIVATE!
DAY 1
Haa
BRING THE FOOD AND DOCUMENTS HERE.
DAY 2
DAY 3
I did my job.
The tiger is the messenger
EVERYONE OUTSIDE OF LOWEN-SAMA'S CLASS IS TO CONTACT ME ONLY BY LETTERS.
IT'S DAY 4
WAA
EVERY EXIT HAS BEEN BARRED!
Meanwhile, actively searching! Inner investigation
DAY 4
5
6

Haa
IMPRESSIVE. SHE HASN'T COME OUT OF HER ROOM AT ALL.
Yet, she's eaten everything again
SHE DOESN'T SEEM TOO STRESSED OUT EITHER.
If it were me, I'd have gone crazy
BUT, YOU KNOW...
A QUEEN WHO'S SO AFRAID SHE'S HIDING...
THAT WOULD AFFECT HER IMAGE IN THE PALACE...
BUT SHE'S STILL DOING ALL HER ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES.
Hee?! So diligent!
.....
UH... I HAVE TO ENDURE!
ACTING FOR THE SAKE OF STRATEGY!
I CAN'T IGNORE MY DUTIES!
WHEN RIN-SAN RETURNS, THERE'LL BE A CHANCE TO RESTORE MY IMAGE!
DOING HER JOB UNDERCOVER.

Do the follow-up Gyan Suka act!
HER HIGH-NESS.. HAS COMPLETELY ISOLATED HERSELF.
IT CAN'T BE HELPED.
AFTER ALL, SHE'S STILL A 15-YEAR OLD GIRL.
Actually
IT'S AN ACT.
PERHAPS IT REALLY WOULD BE BEST FOR HER TO MARRY LOWEN-SAMA AND GIVE UP THE THRONE...
PERHAPS
HOWEVER, IT'S A PITY.
I THOUGHT THAT...
...SHE HAD A LITTLE MORE BACKBONE.
.....?

I INVESTIGATED FOR THREE DAYS STRAIGHT!
夏南商店
CONFESS!
AND I FOUND THIS!
Secret accounts
SHUT UP! DO YOU WANT TO BE SHUT DOWN?!
Uhm
Please forgive us...
Making a secret account log!
THIS MEDICINE ISN'T USED IN THE KOUKA KINGDOM.
NO WONDER THERE WAS NO INFORMATION!
THE BUYER IS...

THIS IS...!
...AS I THOUGHT!
Back then...
I knew those hands...
...When I was attacked.

Those moves too...
His weapon...
I saw it for a second while fighting.
He was probably an assassin from the Assassin Guild of the Rin and Souu kingdoms.
The Blue Ravens.
...Weren't being serious?
They...
But they're not just a regular band of thugs.
They wouldn't help someone without power and territory.

Who...?
NOT JUST ANYONE COULD COMMAND THEM LIKE THAT...
AND IT HAS TO BE SOMEONE WHO PRETENDED TO BE SURPRISED BY THE WHOLE ORDEAL...
They didn't strike to kill.
So they must have been ordered not to.
COULD IT BE...?

WHAT? WHAT IS IT?
HEY! GUARD!
GUGH!
SHUKA-SAMA!
SORRY.
I hope I'm wrong.
JINGLE

If something ever happened to Shuka-sama, I...
OI! WHAT HAPPENED?!
ZEN-SAMA...?!
WH...Y...

TO PROTECT THE ONE TRUE QUEEN...!
I'll never forgive him...!
THERE'S A LOT OF THEM.

HEY!
...IS SOMEONE THERE?
I'M SURROUNDED
I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO CUT THROUGH
In the worst case...
I'll have to kill them...
STOP!

Shuka-sama...
I ORDER YOU, ALL...!
...SLEEP!
AND FORGET EVERYTHING YOU JUST WITNESSED...!

Ugh...
SHUKA-SAMA!
!

Ah...
Z-zen-san...
UHM...
LONG TIME, NO SEE!
NOW IS NOT THE TIME!
WHY ARE YOU HERE, IN SUCH A PLACE?
UH... UHM... I... I CAME TO RESCUE YOU...
EVEN GOING AS FAR AS USING 'THE QUEEN'S POWER...?'

D-DON'T WORRY!
I WON'T GO CRAZY...
THIS TIME!
IT SEEMS THAT I CAN USE IT AS LONG AS I STAY CALM.
SO...!
Zen-san...
I'm scared.
...WHAT ARE YOU SAYING WITH SUCH A FACE...?

THANK YOU FOR HELPING ME.
BUT, PLEASE...
NEVER USE THAT POWER FOR MY SAKE AGAIN!
HEY THERE!
WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS NOW, YOU KNOW!

Th-that's right! Hurry!
WE NEED YOU!
THAT'S WHY...
SAVE THE SAPPY REUNION FOR LATER!
WE HAVE TO GET ZEN OUT!
...!?
...SWITCH PLACES WITH HIM!
!?
YOU'LL...

IT TURNED OUT WE NEEDED ZEN-SAN'S HELP.
RI-RIN SAN INVESTIGATED AND...
HOWEVER, ZEN-SAN WAS UNDER ARREST.
Come on, get dressed!
AND WE THOUGHT ABOUT WHAT WE COULD DO...
AND... MAYBE BECAUSE I THOUGHT OF ZEN TOO MUCH...
Waa!
So it wasn't a dream after all!!!
SHIN-SHIN...
!?
SHIN-SHIN...?!
Is this that idiotic tiger?
SHINSHIN ISN'T AN IDIOT. SHINSHIN IS BEING A GOOD BOY AND WILL GET HUGGED BY SHUKA LATER.
OI! STOP IT!

UHM... THIS HAPPENED ONCE BEFORE!
SO IT'S NOT A MISTAKE...
AH...
SO THIS WAS WHY SHE WANTED TO TALK ABOUT HER PET CAT...
I SEE. THEN WHAT SHOULD I DO?
WE SWITCHED CLOTHES, LIKE YOU SAID.
THANK YOU. NOW YOU CAN SWITCH PLACES.
SWITCH?
YES.
WHILE SHINSHIN REMAINS IN PRISON IN YOUR PLACE...
...ZEN, YOU...
...WILL GO TO RIN AND SOUU.

FROM WHAT I DISCOVERED...
THE RETIRED GUARD WAS BOUGHT OFF.
HE HAS A VERY SICK MOTHER IN HIS HOMETOWN.
THOSE BOTTLES HE WAS STORING CAREFULLY WERE HIS MOTHER'S MEDICINE.
THIS MEDICINE IS VERY EXPENSIVE. A REGULAR SOLDIER WOULDN'T EVEN BE ABLE TO AFFORD ONE.
ALSO...
IT'S NOT DISTRIBUTED ANYWHERE IN THE KOUKA KINGDOM.

Shuka, can I drink this?
ダメー!!
No!
The evidence!!
SOUU AND KOUKA HAVE JUST MADE AN ALLIANCE.
WE HAVEN'T STARTED TRADING YET.
ANY-WHERE...?! THEN HOW IS IT HERE?
IT'S FROM RIN AND SOUU.
TO HAVE SO MANY BOTTLES UNDER THESE CIRCUM-STANCES...
THERE AREN'T MANY WITH SUCH AN INFLUENCE IN BOTH KOUKA AND SOUU WITH ACCESS TO SECRET ROUTES.
AND TO BE ABLE TO ACQUIRE THEM SECRETLY...

WHILE I WAS RESEARCHING THAT, I FOUND A CERTAIN TRADER'S SECRET ACCOUNTS.
...AND HE CONFESSED.
...ME TOO.
I HAVE SUSPICIONS REGARDING THE CASE FROM THE OTHER DAY.
THE CONCLUSION IS ABOUT THE SAME AS RIN'S.
SOMEONE WHO HAS A CONNECTION WITH RIN AND IS WEALTHY AND INFLUENTIAL.
THERE'S ONLY ONE PERSON I CAN THINK OF.
AND HIS NAME IS...

AH, TODAY'S SUCH A BEAUTIFUL DAY, AS WELL.
LEE LOWEN!

WELL THEN, IT'S TIME FOR THE TRUTH TO GRADUALLY BE REVEALED.
THE SKY ABOVE SOUU IS CLEAR TODAY, TOO.
HUMAN BEINGS ARE CREATURES THAT CAN NEVER BE TRUSTED.
...I STILL REMEMBER THAT LESSON WITH CLARITY.
RIGHT? YOU WERE THERE, IN THAT PLACE...
Mystery throughout the palace... What is Lowen's goal...?!
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THEN WHY NOT RECRUIT SOME MORE?
WE'RE TRYING BUT IT DOESNT DO ANY GOOD WHEN NO ONE APPLIES
UH SIR? I'M SORRY, BUT WE'RE LOW ON STAFF.
DAMMIT! WHERE ARE THOSE NEW CHAPTERS?!
ARE YOU FREAKING SERIOUS?
MANGA
FIST SLAM
WELL UH, YES ACTUALLY

IT'S SUCH A PITY TOO WE HAVE SO MANY LOVELY PROJECTS THAT ARE JUST DYING FOR STAFF
Hug me
hold me
Love me♥
!
Want faster releases and more projects? Go to http://fallensyndicate.wordpress.com/join/ to find out more on how to help.
WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?
?
THIS GUY'S WEIRD STILL, MAYBE I SHOULD VOLUNTEER AND HELP SPEED UP THEIR RELEASES
STARE
IT'S KIND OF CREEPING ME OUT

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